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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In response to the office action dated June 28, 2001 (for which petition is hereby made for a two-month extension of time), please amend the above-identified patent application as follows. The changes made to the claims by the present amendment are shown on the attached page which is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 23 and 24, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 20-22 with the following rewritten claims:

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